

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method and apparatus for managing applications and data for mobile devices. In the method and apparatus, external memories of a mobile device and/or network storage may be used as secondary storage locations for relatively low use programs and data downloaded into a mobile device in a communications network. Both program and data may be stored in the secondary locations. According to the method and apparatus, the handling and management of storage in mobile device external memory and/or network storage and, the handling and management of the programs and data in the main memory device are performed in predetermined manner to increase efficient use of memory as programs are downloaded and executed.